

# CS 473: Algorithms, Fall 2010

## HW 5 (due Tuesday, October 12)

This homework contains four problems. **Read the instructions for submitting homework on the course webpage.** In particular, *make sure* that you write the solutions for the problems on separate sheets of paper; the sheets for each problem should be stapled together. Write your name and netid on each sheet.

**Collaboration Policy:** For this home work, Problems 1-2 can be worked in groups of up to 3 students each.

**Problem 0 should be answered in Compass as part of the assessment HW5-Online and should be done individually.**

0. (10 pts) HW5-Online.

1. • (30 pts) In a word processor the goal of “pretty-printing” is to take text with a ragged right margin, like this,

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Call me Ishmael.
Some year ago,
never mind how long precisely,
having little or no money in my purse,
and nothing particular to interest me on shore,
I though I would sail about a little
and see the watery part of the world.
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and turn it into text whose right margin is as “even” as possible, like this

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Call me Ishmael. Some year ago, never
mind how long precisely, having little
or no money in my purse, and nothing
particular to interest me on shore, I
though I would sail about a little
and see the watery part of the world.
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To make this precise enough for us to start thinking about how to write a pretty-printer for text, we need to figure out what it means for the right margins to be “even”. So suppose our text consists of a sequence of *words*,  $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ , where  $w_i$  consists of  $c_i$  characters. We have a maximum line length of  $L$ . We will assume we have a fixed-width font and ignore issues of punctuation or hyphenation.

A *formatting* of  $W$  consists of a partition of the words in  $W$  into *lines*. In the words assigned to a single line, there should be a space after each word except the last; and so if  $w_j, w_{j+1}, \dots, w_k$  are assigned to one line, then we should have

$$\left[ \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} (c_i + 1) \right] + c_k \leq L.$$

We will call an assignment of words to a line *valid* if it satisfies this inequality. The difference between the left-hand side and the right-hand side will be called the *slack* of the line—that is, the number of spaces left at the right margin.

Given a partition of a set of words  $W$ , the *penalty* of the formatting is the sum of the *squares* of the slacks of all lines (including the last line). Give an efficient algorithm to find a partition of a set of words  $W$  into valid lines, so that the penalty of the formatting becomes minimized.

- (20 pts) Implement your iterative algorithm in C or C++ or Java. The input to your program will be  $L \ n \ c_1 \ c_2 \ \dots \ c_n$  on a single line:  $L$  is the number of characters per line allowed,  $n$  is the number of words in the text and each  $c_i$  is the length of a word  $w_i$  in our text,  $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ , in order. The output should be the penalty of an optimal formatting as well as the lengths of all lines in an optimal formatting of the words. You need to submit a print out of the code along with the output of your code on a set of inputs that we will provide on the website.
2. (40 pts) Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph. A subset  $S \subseteq V$  of nodes in  $G$  is called a *dominating set* if for all  $v \in V$ , we have  $v \in S$  or there is some node  $u \in S$  such that  $(u, v) \in E$ . In other words every node in  $V \setminus S$  is connected by an edge to some node in  $S$ . Given non-negative weights  $w(v)$  on the nodes of  $V$  the goal is to find a minimum-weight dominating set in  $G$ . This problem is known to be NP-Hard in general graphs. Describe a polynomial time algorithm for this problem when  $G$  is a tree.

